WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An article comprising a medium storing software that causes a processor-based computer system to perform the following steps:
 - a. create an appointment entry in a time management application; and
 - b. associate a task directly with the appointment.
- 2. The article of claim 1 wherein associating the task includes displaying a plurality of tasks next to an appointment for which the task is related.
- 3. The article of claim 1 wherein associating the task includes linking related tasks and appointments in a data base to maintain the relationship of the tasks and allow the user to create and edit the linked relationships.
- 4. The article of claim 3 wherein the task is in an assignments due list of a calendar time management application.
- 5. The article of claim 3 wherein the time periods in the calendar time management application are class periods.

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- 6. A system, comprising:
 - a. a processor;
 - b. a memory coupled to the processor; and
 - c. a storage medium coupled to the processor including a software program that, upon execution:
 - i. create an appointment entry in a time management application; and
 - ii. associate a task directly with the appointment.
- 7. The article of claim 6 wherein associating the task includes displaying a plurality of tasks next to an appointment for which the task is related.
- 8. The article of claim 6 wherein associating the task includes linking related tasks and appointments in a data base to maintain the relationship of the tasks and allow the user to create and edit the linked relationships.
- 9. The article of claim 8 wherein the task is in an assignments due list of a calendar time management application.
- 10. The article of claim 8 wherein the time periods in the calendar time management application are class periods.

- 11. A portable computing device, comprising:
 - a. a processor;
 - b. a memory coupled to the processor; and
 - c. a storage medium coupled to the processor including a software program that, upon execution:
 - i. create an appointment entry in a time management application; and
 - ii. associate a task directly with the appointment.
- 12. The article of claim 6 wherein associating the task includes displaying a plurality of tasks next to an appointment for which the task is related.
- 13. The article of claim 6 wherein associating the task includes linking related tasks and appointments in a data base to maintain the relationship of the tasks and allow the user to create and edit the linked relationships.
- 14. The article of claim 8 wherein the task is in an assignments due list of a calendar time management application.
- 15. The article of claim 8 wherein the time periods in the calendar time management application are class periods.